

SECTION 10200

LOUVERS

PART 1 - GENERAL

0.1 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- A. Work Included:** This Section specifies the following items.
 1. Fixed extruded-aluminum louvers and frames.
- B. Items To Be Furnished Only:** Furnish the following items for installation by the designated Sections
 1. Section 04800 - MASONRY:
 - a. Exterior metal wall louvers in exterior masonry walls.
- C. Related Work:** The following items are not included in this Section and will be performed under the designated Sections:
 1. Section 07920 - JOINT SEALANTS; sealants installed in perimeter joints between louver frames and adjoining construction.
 2. Division 15 - MECHANICAL; louvers that are a part of mechanical equipment.

0.2 DEFINITIONS

- A. Louver Terminology:** Definitions of terms for metal louvers contained in AMCA 501 apply to this Section unless otherwise defined in this Section or in referenced standards.
- B. Drainable-Blade Louver:** Louver with blades having gutters that collect water and drain it to channels in jambs and mullions, which carry it to bottom of unit and away from opening.

0.3 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Structural Performance:** Provide louvers capable of withstanding the effects of gravity loads and wind loads and stresses within limits and under conditions indicated without permanent deformation of louver components, noise or metal fatigue caused by louver blade rattle or flutter, or permanent damage to fasteners and anchors. Wind pressures shall be considered to act on vertical projection of louvers. Loads as required by Code.

- B.** Seismic Performance: Provide louvers capable of withstanding the effects of earthquake motions as required by code.
- C.** Thermal Movements: Provide louvers that allow for thermal movements resulting from the following maximum change (range) in ambient and surface temperatures by preventing buckling, opening of joints, overstressing of components, failure of connections, and other detrimental effects. Base engineering calculation on surface temperatures of materials due to both solar heat gain and nighttime-sky heat loss.
 - 1. Temperature Change (Range): 120 deg F ambient; 180 deg F material surfaces.

0.4 SUBMITTALS

- A.** Product Data: For each type of product indicated.
- B.** Shop Drawings: For louvers and accessories. Include plans, elevations, sections, details, and attachments to other Work. Show blade profiles, angles, and spacing.
 - 1. For installed louvers indicated to comply with design loads, include structural analysis data signed and sealed by the qualified professional engineer responsible for their preparation.
- C.** Samples for Verification: For each type of metal finish required.
- D.** Qualification Data: For professional engineer performing services required by paragraph 1.3.
- E.** Product Test Reports: Based on evaluation of comprehensive tests performed by a qualified testing agency or by manufacturer and witnessed by a qualified testing agency, for each type of louver.

0.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A.** Source Limitations: Obtain louvers and vents through one source from a single manufacturer where indicated to be of same type, design, or factory-applied color finish.
- B.** Welding: Qualify procedures and personnel according to the following:
 - 1. AWS D1.2, "Structural Welding Code--Aluminum."
 - 2. AWS D1.3, "Structural Welding Code--Sheet Steel."
- C.** SMACNA Standard: Comply with recommendations in SMACNA's "Architectural Sheet Metal Manual" for fabrication, construction details, and installation procedures.

0.6 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Field Measurements:** Verify louver openings by field measurements before fabrication and indicate measurements on Shop Drawings.
 - 1. **Established Dimensions:** Where field measurements cannot be made without delaying the Work, establish opening dimensions and proceed with fabricating louvers without field measurements. Coordinate construction to ensure that actual opening dimensions correspond to established dimensions.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

0.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Available Manufacturers:** Subject to compliance with requirements, manufacturers offering products that may be incorporated into the Work include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. **Louvers:**
 - a. Airline Products Co.
 - b. Airolite Company (The).
 - c. Construction Specialties, Inc.
 - d. Greenheck.
 - e. Industrial Louvers, Inc.

0.2 MATERIALS

- A. Aluminum Extrusions:** ASTM B 221, alloy 6063-T5 or T-52.
- B. Aluminum Sheet:** ASTM B 209, alloy 3003 or 5005 with temper as required for forming, or as otherwise recommended by metal producer for required finish.
- C. Fasteners:** Of same basic metal and alloy as fastened metal or 300 Series stainless steel, unless otherwise indicated. Do not use metals that are incompatible with joined materials.
- D. Postinstalled Fasteners for Concrete and Masonry:** Torque-controlled expansion anchors, made from stainless-steel components, with capability to sustain, without failure, a load equal to 4 times the loads imposed, for concrete, or 6 times the load imposed, for masonry, as determined by testing per ASTM E 488, conducted by a qualified independent testing agency.
- E. Bituminous Paint:** Cold-applied asphalt emulsion complying with ASTM D 1187.

0.3 FABRICATION, GENERAL

- A.** Assemble louvers in factory to minimize field splicing and assembly. Disassemble units as necessary for shipping and handling limitations. Clearly mark units for reassembly and coordinated installation.
- B.** Maintain equal louver blade spacing, including separation between blades and frames at head and sill, to produce uniform appearance.
- C.** Fabricate frames, including integral sills, to fit in openings of sizes indicated, with allowances made for fabrication and installation tolerances, adjoining material tolerances, and perimeter sealant joints.
- D.** Include supports, anchorages, and accessories required for complete assembly.
- E.** Provide vertical mullions of type and at spacings indicated, but not more than recommended by manufacturer, or 72 inches o.c., whichever is less.
 - 1. Fully Recessed Mullions: Provide mullions fully recessed behind louver blades. Where length of louver exceeds fabrication and handling limitations, fabricate with close-fitting blade splices designed to permit expansion and contraction.
- F.** Join frame members to each other and to fixed louver blades with fillet welds concealed from view, unless otherwise indicated or size of louver assembly makes bolted connections between frame members necessary.

0.4 FIXED, EXTRUDED-ALUMINUM LOUVERS

- A.** Horizontal Storm-Resistant Louvers:
 - 1. Louver Depth: 4 inches.
 - 2. Frame and Blade Nominal Thickness: As required to comply with structural performance requirements, but not less than 0.080 inch.
 - 3. Performance Requirements:
 - a. Free Area: Comply with requirements indicated on the Drawings.
 - b. Wind-Driven Rain Performance: Not less than 99 percent effectiveness when subjected to a rain fall rate of 3 inches per hour and a wind speed of 29 mph at a core area intake velocity of 300 fpm.
 - 4. AMCA Seal: Mark units with AMCA Certified Ratings Seal.

0.5 LOUVER SCREENS

- A.** General: Provide screen at each exterior louver.

1. Screen Location for Fixed Louvers: Interior face.
2. Screening Type: Bird screening.

B. Secure screens to louver frames with stainless-steel machine screws, spaced a maximum of 6 inches from each corner and at 12 inches o.c.

C. Louver Screen Frames: Fabricate with mitered corners to louver sizes indicated.

D. Louver Screening for Aluminum Louvers: Bird screening, aluminum, 1/2-inch-square mesh, 0.063-inch wire.

0.6 BLANK-OFF PANELS

A. Insulated, Blank-off Panels: Laminated metal-faced panels consisting of insulating core surfaced on back and front with metal sheets.

1. Thickness: 1 inch.
2. Metal Facing Sheets: Aluminum sheet, not less than 0.032-inch nominal thickness.
3. Insulating Core: Rigid insulation board.
4. Seal perimeter joints between panel faces and louver frames with 1/8-by-1-inch PVC compression gaskets.
5. Panel Finish: Same finish applied to louvers.

0.7 ALUMINUM FINISHES

A. High-Performance Organic-Coating Finish: AA-C12C42R1x (Chemical Finish: cleaned with inhibited chemicals; Chemical Finish: acid-chromate-fluoride-phosphate conversion coating; Organic Coating: as specified below). Prepare, pretreat, and apply coating to exposed metal surfaces to comply with coating and resin manufacturers' written instructions.

1. Fluoropolymer Three-Coat Coating System: Manufacturer's standard three-coat, thermocured system consisting of specially formulated inhibitive primer, fluoropolymer color coat, and clear fluoropolymer topcoat, with both color coat and clear topcoat containing not less than 70 percent polyvinylidene fluoride resin by weight; complying with AAMA 2605.
 - a. Color and Gloss: As selected by Engineer from manufacturer's full range.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

0.1 EXAMINATION

- A.** Examine substrates and openings, with Installer present, for compliance with requirements for installation tolerances and other conditions affecting performance. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

0.2 PREPARATION

- A.** Coordinate setting drawings, diagrams, templates, instructions, and directions for installation of anchorages that are to be embedded in concrete or masonry construction. Coordinate delivery of such items to Project site.

0.3 INSTALLATION

- A.** Locate and place louvers and vents level, plumb, and at indicated alignment with adjacent work.
- B.** Use concealed anchorages where possible. Provide brass or lead washers fitted to screws where required to protect metal surfaces and to make a weathertight connection.
- C.** Form closely fitted joints with exposed connections accurately located and secured.
- D.** Provide perimeter reveals and openings of uniform width for sealants and joint fillers, as indicated.
- E.** Repair finishes damaged by cutting, welding, soldering, and grinding. Restore finishes so no evidence remains of corrective work. Return items that cannot be refinished in the field to the factory, make required alterations, and refinish entire unit or provide new units.
- F.** Protect galvanized and nonferrous-metal surfaces from corrosion or galvanic action by applying a heavy coating of bituminous paint on surfaces that will be in contact with concrete, masonry, or dissimilar metals.
- G.** Install concealed gaskets, flashings, joint fillers, and insulation as louver installation progresses, where weathertight louver joints are required. Comply with Division 7 Section "Joint Sealants" for sealants applied during louver installation.

0.4 ADJUSTING AND CLEANING

- A.** Clean exposed surfaces of louvers and vents that are not protected by temporary covering, to remove fingerprints and soil during construction period. Do not let soil accumulate until final cleaning.
- B.** Before final inspection, clean exposed surfaces with water and a mild soap or detergent not harmful to finishes. Thoroughly rinse surfaces and dry.
- C.** Restore louvers and vents damaged during installation and construction so no evidence remains of corrective work. If results of restoration are unsuccessful, as determined by Engineer, remove damaged units and replace with new units.
 1. Touch up minor abrasions in finishes with air-dried coating that matches color and gloss of, and is compatible with, factory-applied finish coating.

PART 4 - MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

0.1 MEASUREMENT

- A.** Louvers will be measured as per each complete in place, including all preparation, accessories and incidentals.

0.2 PAYMENT

- A.** Payment for louvers will be made at the Contract unit price for the quantities as specified above.

0.3 PAYMENT ITEMS

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT
1020.055	LOUVERS	EA

END OF SECTION